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REMARKS

The foregoing amendment and the following remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2007. Response to the Final Office Action is due August 17, 2007.

In the Office Action under response, the Examiner has indicated that claims limited to interferon species of protein (IFN) as amended in Applicants' amendment filed February 22, 2007 were allowable and withdrew all previous rejections, including rejection under 35 USC §§102, 103 and 112 as to same. In the Office Action, however, the Examiner has apparently raised issue under 35 USC §112 with the present scope of the claims extending beyond pegylated IFN to include use of any pegylated protein other than IFN, including specifically pegylated EPO. In a sincere effort to advance prosecution of the present application, in accordance with the presently requested cancellation and amendment of claims Applicants have now limited the claimed subject matter of claims 1-3 and 6 to methods using pegylated IFN.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-3 and 6 as amended are now in allowable form and should be passed to issue.

No further fee is required in connection the filing of this Amendment. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

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Respectfully submitted,

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